

# NISKAYUNA REFORMED CHURCH February 24, 2019

Sunday, February 24th	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
7th Sunday after the Epiphany	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Music Room	Youth Choir
		Fellowship Hall	Coffee Hour
Tuesday, February 26th	6:30 pm	Lounge	H & A
Wednesday, February 27th	7 pm	Music Room	Bells
Thursday, February 28th	7:30 pm	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
Friday, March 1st	2:30 pm	Lounge	Archives
Sunday, March 3rd	8:45 am	Sanctuary	Sr. Choir
Transfiguration Sunday	9:30 am	Sanctuary	Worship Service
Communion	10:30 am	Music Room	Youth Choir
Mission- Synod Ministries Board		Fellowship Hall	Coffee Hour
	11 am	Lounge	Christian Ed



### **Mission Statement**

*Our mission is to be a family of people seeking to be of help to each other and to our world through the encouragement of God's Spirit and the sharing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

*To that end, we offer opportunities for worship, friendship, personal growth and service.*

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*If you are a visitor to our worship service today, we welcome you. May you be reminded that you are loved and cared for by God, called to spread that love to the world. May this time of praising God and being inspired by the Word be helpful to each of us. If you wish to be identified as a guest, please help us to get to know you by meeting the greeter at the rear of the sanctuary and receive a visitor's bag of information about our church.*

### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Please remember to turn off cell phones or put on airplane mode, if cell phones remain on, they interfere with the sound system.

Let the first note of the prelude be a call to quietly prepare for the significance of the experience that is before you.

### **THE APPROACH TO GOD**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Announcements

Prelude

Introit

Votum John Bennett

Our help is the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

**All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.**

For you are great and do wondrous things,  
**you alone are God.**

\*Hymn *Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

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**deodorant, feminine-hygiene products, and razors.** The M & SC is collecting items. Look for the pink box outside Fellowship Hall!

- SICM "Fill the Bowl" fundraiser will be held **Sunday, March 3rd**. See flyer in Education Building for more information.
- A six-week Lenten Bible Study will begin on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Each week there will be two offerings for the bible study: Monday at 7pm and Thursday at 1pm. The theme of the study will be Questions from Jesus. I will be using Matthew Croasnum's book, *Let Me Ask You a Question: Conversations with Jesus*, as a guide. There will be no need to buy the book. Please join us if you can.
- **Help Needed:** the office/property committee needs help with setting up and breaking down for events when Rick is not available. We would like to have a number of people on standby to call when we have the need. Please contact Ellen if you are willing to help out.
- You may place orders for memorial Easter plants by calling Sue Felpel at 518-372-0936, emailing [LSFelpel@yahoo.com](mailto:LSFelpel@yahoo.com), or in person at Church or at coffee hours. The lilies are \$8 and azaleas \$16. Please make your check payable to NRC and send to the office or give to Sue. The last day to order will be **April 1st**. Plants may be claimed by donors anytime following the Easter Sunday service.
- Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent. Ashes have a long history in biblical and church traditions. In Scripture ashes or dust symbolize frailty or death (Gen. 18:27), sadness or mourning (Esther 4:3), judgment (Lam. 3:16), and repentance (Jon. 3:6). Some traditions also have considered ash a purifying or cleansing agent. All these images are caught up in the church's use of ashes as a symbol appropriate for Lent. On March 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be two services offered for the imposition of ashes, 2pm and 6:30pm. The services will be short with time for meditation and reflection. Please come if you are able.
- **Questions**, please contact the church office at 518-785-5575 or email Pastor Jason at [sr.pastor@niskayunareformed.org](mailto:sr.pastor@niskayunareformed.org) or our administrator, Ellen Gauna, at [office@niskayunareformed.org](mailto:office@niskayunareformed.org).

grandson of John and Linda Burger and nephew of Andrew Burger.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Birthday wishes go out to: **Hannah Kreig & Gabrielle Maclutsky**.
- The Sunday School is looking for the following positions for the spring session, which begins **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**: **2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> grade – assistant & Middle school –assistant**. Please contact Sabrina if you're able to fill any of these positions. We'd love to have you share your gifts with our children!
- There will be a Christian Education Committee (CEC) meeting on **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 11am. The Sunday School teachers are welcome to attend!

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Worship teams for **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** are; Ushers: John & Lynn DelSignore & Harry & Cynthia Kuchera; Counters: Judy Henery, Kim Cerone & Tony Pechulis; Greeter(s): Lizbeth Amorelli; Coffee Hour: TBD.
- The Sermon text for next week will be: **Luke 6:43-49**.
- Our Communion Collection for March will go towards the Synod Ministries Board. A group of faithful, talented, and passionate people meet several times a year to discuss and plan events for the benefit of the churches within the bounds of the synod. All of this is funded by donations from individual churches that are part of the Regional Synod of Albany. The SMB does not receive funds from the assessments that churches pay every year. All of the ministry events coordinated by the SMB are funded solely by church donations.
- Pastor Jason will be out of the office on **Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>** for the Ecumenical Advocacy Day in Albany.
- The City Mission Dinner is **Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** from 4:45-6:45. We need 6 volunteers. Please let Michele Kopp know if are interested in participating at (518) 434-3825 or [mishcata@gmail.com](mailto:mishcata@gmail.com)
- Patty's Place is a program sponsored by SICM. The program reaches out to women in the city with the hope of getting them off the streets. They are in need of the following items: **shampoo, sunscreen,**

\*Salutation and People's Amen

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

**O God of shalom, we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies, but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love. Break down those walls. Help us to see that the way to your heart is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies. Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love for each other and for you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

**Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance

Christ is our peace; those who are divided he has made one. He has broken down the barriers of separation by his death and has built us up into one body, with God. To all who repent and believe he has promised reconciliation. So live as people reconciled. **Amen.**

Call to New Life

As the chosen of God, then, the holy people whom he loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body. Always be thankful. **May the Spirit of God help us to live this new life. Amen!**

\*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Welcoming New Members

Dale & Nancy Ellen Swann and Mandie Stafford

Anthem *Shall We Gather at the River?* Arr. Carter  
The NRC Senior Choir

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Junior Sermon

Interlude

Prayer for Illumination (in unison)

**Eternal God, in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.**

Old Testament Lesson Genesis 45: 3-11,15 Bible 42 OT  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson Luke 6:27-38 Bible 64-65 NT  
This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Jason Fulkerson

\*Hymn *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* insert

**THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Offering

Offertory *O Lord, From the Depths I Cry* Hopson  
The NRC Senior Choir

\*Doxology 544 and Prayer of Consecration

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, Forever. Amen.**

Choral Amen

\*Hymn *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing* 79

\*Benediction

Benediction Response

\*Postlude *Finale* Wilson

\*Those who are able, please stand.

**Congregational responses are printed in bold italics type.**

**TODAY**

- Parents with infants and small children are reminded of the room behind the balcony with an audio system to hear the worship service. There is infant and toddler care in Room 102 of the Education Building.
- The Worship teams for **TODAY** are; Ushers: Richard Mizenko, Bill McCann, Karen Moak & Jenny Politano; Counters: Paul Sullivan and Glenn Kreig; Greeter(s): Bob & Tracy Sacca; Coffee Hour: H & A.
- The red rose on the pulpit today welcomes Noah Andrew Burger, son of Jacob and Lisa Burger. He was born on February 18, 2019. He is the